

Pine Ridge Reservation Core Team Meeting January 30, 2017

Objectives:

1. Come to consensus on the EPA's priorities for the Pine Ridge Reservation
2. Create program commitments for mutual roles and responsibilities that match up with the Tribe's priorities

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Background on the ETEP Process
- Program Priorities vs. ETEP Priorities
- TAP's Proposed EPA Priorities
- TAP's Proposed Mutual Roles and Responsibilities

EPA – Tribal Environmental Plan

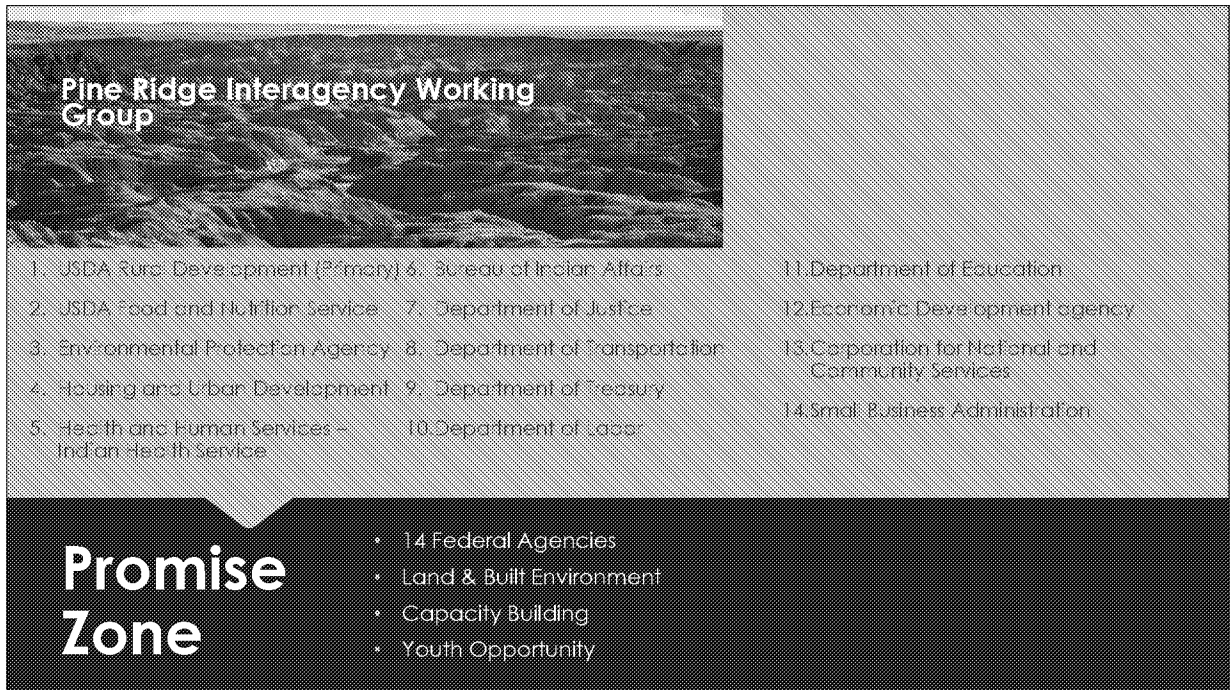
- Indian Country All Hands July 2016
 - What is an ETEP?
- Core Team Questionnaire November 2016
 - What are the EPA priorities for Pine Ridge?
- Core Team Meeting Today
 - Finalize priorities to present to SLT
- EPA Priorities Briefing for SLT
 - SLT accepts or alters the priorities
- Finalize ETEP

EPA Tribal Environmental Plan

- 2014 ETEP
- 2016 Visits in April and August
 - Brainstorming and Categorizing Ideas
 - Pairwise Ranking Activity
 - Objectives and Milestones for Top 3 Priorities
- 2017 Tribe to Visit Denver Office
- 2017 EPA Core Team Meeting
- 2017 Finalize ETEP

EPA Priorities Questionnaire

- 10 Programs Provided their Responses
 - CWA – Surface water data analysis and Water & Sewer Department staffing and Resources
 - SDWA – Water & Sewer Department staffing and resources, Dewey Burdock UIC Permits
 - RCRA – Solid Waste Department staffing and resources, e waste, used oil collection
 - CERCLA – Brownfields site specific clean up
 - FIFRA – Pesticides Inspector training and support
 - Promise Zone



Pine Ridge Interagency Working Group

1. USDA Rural Development (Primary)
2. USDA Food and Nutrition Service
3. Environmental Protection Agency
4. Housing and Urban Development
5. Health and Human Services – Indian Health Service
6. Bureau of Indian Affairs
7. Department of Justice
8. Department of Transportation
9. Department of Treasury
10. Department of Labor
11. Department of Education
12. Economic Development agency
13. Corporation for National and Community Services
14. Small Business Administration

Promise Zone

- 14 Federal Agencies
- Land & Built Environment
- Capacity Building
- Youth Opportunity

There are three main working groups: Land and Built Environment, Capacity Building, and Youth Opportunity. Each working group is further broken up into 4 to 5 smaller groups. There are 14 federal agencies participating in the promise zone.

EPA is co leading the integrated infrastructure team, financial management team, and participating utilities/water sanitation team. This effort consists of bringing together existing information, identifying voids, and working with the Tribe to create a planning department that can fill these voids across the Reservation.

Federal and Tribal agencies tend to work in silos and this effort is trying to break those down and create a means to leverage and share resources, information, and personnel across the agencies.

TAP Proposed EPA Priorities

- Government to Government Discussions
- Building Professional Capacity
- Direct Implementation

Government to Government Discussions

- Messages for EPA staff to provide during site visits
- Face to face meetings with EPA Senior Leaders and OST Leadership
- Face to face meetings with Senior Leadership at IHS and USDA Rural Development

Building Professional Capacity

○ Grant Programs

○ Training

- Pesticides – inspector training and credentials

○ Technical Assistance

- Brownfields – site specific clean up
- Surface Water – data analysis
- Solid Waste – development of codes and ordinances

○ Projects:

- Solid waste – electronic waste collection and disposal
- Solid Waste – used oil collection
- Community engagement for the Dewey Burdock Project

Direct Implementation

- Inspections and Sanitary Surveys
- Permit Actions
- Compliance Assistance
- Formal Enforcement

Tribal Priorities → Mutual Roles & Responsibilities

- Encourage the Oyate to participate in reducing and preventing solid waste impacts for present and future generations.
- Encourage the Oyate to use the Environmental Office as a resource to understand their role in the water cycle on the Reservation.
- Make the Pine Ridge Reservation a beautiful place to live and play.

Solid Waste

- Encouraging the Oyate to participate in reducing and preventing solid waste impacts for present and future generations.

- Clean Open Dumps

- Solid Waste Codes

- Waste Audit

- Recycling Program

- Pilot recycling efforts with a school or Tribal department/building

- If the pilot can become financially sustainable, scale up

Water

- Encourage the Oyate to use the Environmental Office as a resource to understand their role in the water cycle on the Reservation.
- Customized outreach to members, council, tribal departments and other agencies about impacts they have on the environment and what perceived vs. actual issues exist with water infrastructure.
- Address various projects aimed at improving surface water quality impacts from USTs, culverts, cattle, and solid waste.

Community Improvement

- Make the Pine Ridge Reservation a beautiful place to live and play.
 - Collaborate with the OST Housing Department to incentivize residents in a couple target neighborhoods to clean up solid waste from their yards.
 - Earth Day clean up events in certain creeks where people are throwing trash.

Next Steps

- Draft EPA Priorities Section
- Brief SLT
- Address any SLT concerns
- Finalized the EPA Priorities Section